



Brownfields 2017 Job Training Grant Fact Sheet

Salish Kootenai College, Flathead Indian Reservation, MT

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant funds are provided to nonprofit organizations and other eligible entities to recruit, train, and place residents from solid and hazardous waste-impacted communities, including low-income and minority, unemployed, and underemployed individuals. To date, EPA has funded 274 job training grants totaling over \$57 million through the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program. As of May 2017, more than 16,300 individuals have completed training, and of those, almost 12,000 have obtained employment in the environmental field, an average starting wage of over \$14 an hour. This equates to a cumulative placement rate of approximately 73% since the program was created in 1998.

Job Training Grant

\$197,868.00

EPA has selected Salish Kootenai College for an Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant. Salish Kootenai College plans to train 30 students and place at least 26 graduates in environmental jobs. The core training program includes 314 hours of instruction in 40-Hour HAZWOPER, OSHA hazard awareness and communication, emergency services, emergency preparedness and response, incident command systems, first aid/CPR, chemical and operational safety, asbestos inspector, asbestos contractor/supervisor, lead abatement and renovation, mold assessment and remediation, methamphetamine inspection and assessment, due diligence Phase I ESA and all appropriate inquiries, site assessment and remediation, environmental sampling techniques, underground storage tank removal, and vapor intrusion assessment and mitigation. The training program also will feature non-EPA funded optional courses in entrepreneurship, including an introduction to small business management and marketing your own business. Prior to beginning the program, all participants will complete an eight-hour training in academic and job-seeking skill-building. Participants who complete the training program will earn 10 state or federal certifications. Salish Kootenai College is targeting underemployed and unemployed residents, as well as military veterans of the Flathead Indian Reservation. Key partners include the Natural Resources Department and Economic Development Office of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, ACM, ALM Consulting LLC, Hydrometrics Inc., Salish and Kootenai Housing Authority, and Water Rights Inc.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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